

**AGENDA ITEM 12:     Designation of Great California Delta Trail Segments**

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Requested Action: **Consider adoption of resolution designating two new West Delta segments to the Great California Delta Trail**

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Background: In 2006, the California Legislature approved Senate Bill 1556 by Senator Tom Torlakson (Chapter 839, Statutes of 2006), authorizing the Commission to plan and adopt the “Great California Delta Trail” (Delta Trail). The Delta Trail is to be a continuous regional recreational corridor extending through the Delta, including the shorelines in all five Delta counties, and linking the San Francisco Bay Trail system to the Sacramento River trails in Yolo and Sacramento Counties. The Delta Trail is intended to link to park and recreational facilities and land and water trail systems throughout the Delta. The Commission adopted the Great California Delta Blueprint Report for Contra Costa and Solano Counties in 2010.

To date, the Commission has adopted the following trail segments into the Great California Delta Trail:

- Sacramento River Parkway (13 miles, Sacramento)
- East Bay Regional Park District Delta Trail alignment (3.8 miles, Bay Point to Pittsburg)
- Big Break Regional Shoreline Trail (3 miles, Oakley)
- Clarksburg Branch Line, Riverwalk and Sycamore Trail (6 miles, West Sacramento)

Proposal: Staff recommends approval of the Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop as a designated segment of the Great California Delta Trail, and the East Bay Regional Parks District conceptual alignment along the Contra Costa shoreline as a segment of the Great California Delta Trail.

***Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail:*** The Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail consists of 25 miles of existing trail located along the shorelines of the Carquinez Strait in Solano and Contra Costa counties, between and including the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge (I-80 Carquinez Bridge) and the I-680 Benicia/Martinez Bridge. The connection of the San Francisco Bay Trail and the Bay Area Ridge Trail with the Delta Trail at the Carquinez Strait provides the western gateway into the Delta. Developed park and recreation locations include:

- Glen Cove Nature Area
- Benicia State Recreation Area
- Benicia Waterfront
- Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline
- Radke Martinez Regional Shoreline

## CARQUINEZ STRAIT SCENIC LOOP TRAIL



(Green line denotes an existing route proposed as a Delta Trail segment; Dotted line denotes a proposed alignment of a Delta Trail segment. Note that the location is west of the Legal Delta boundary)

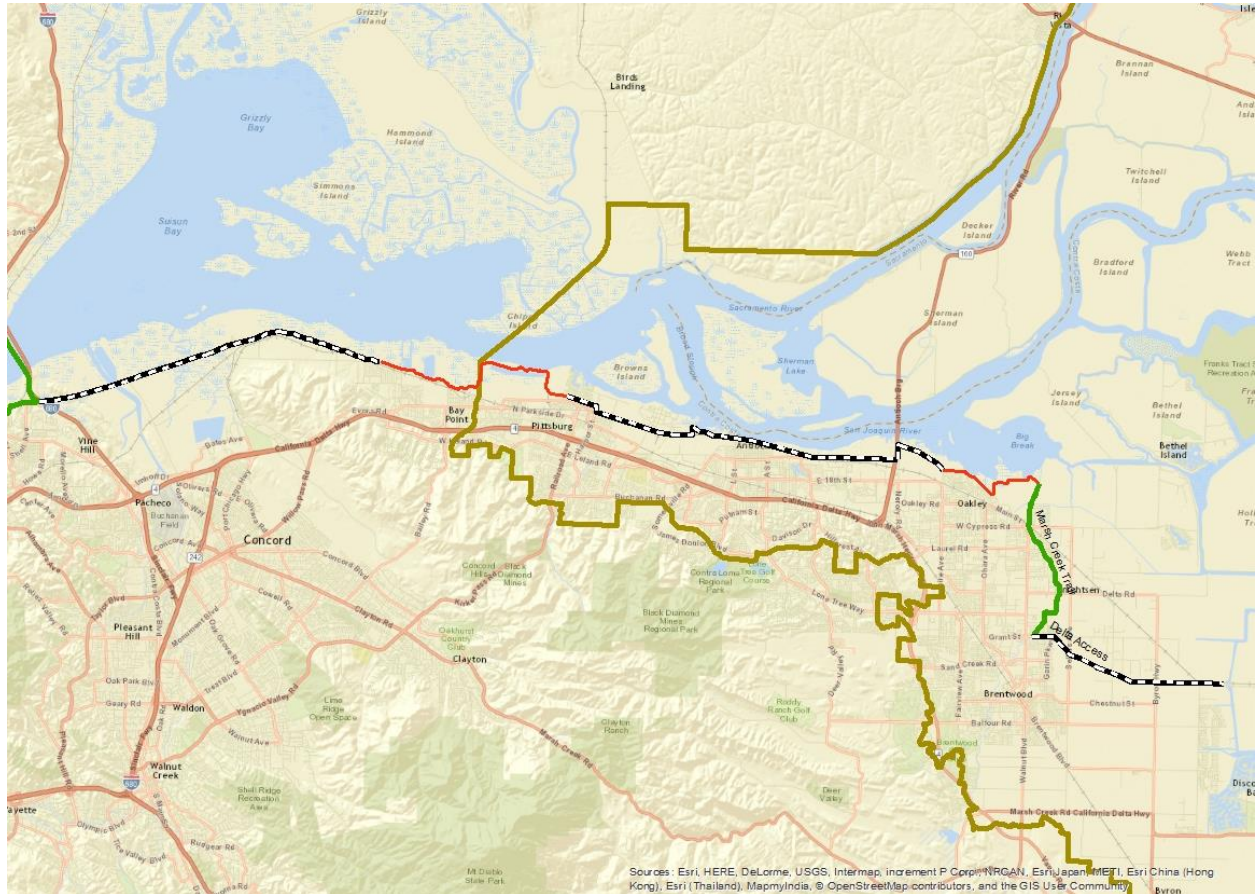
***East Bay Regional Parks District Contra Costa Shoreline:*** The EBRPD 2013 Master Plan identifies 35 miles of existing trail and proposed trail alignments along the Contra Costa shoreline.

- Carquinez Strait to Martinez Shoreline (existing and proposed trail; a portion of the Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail)
- Martinez Shoreline to Point Edith (proposed alignment)
- Delta Trail alignment (proposed alignment from Point Edith to Antioch Bridge; note that a 3.8 mile alignment is already designated as Delta Trail segment)
- Marsh Creek Trail to Delta Access (existing trail and proposed alignment)

Public access opportunities for hiking, birdwatching, shoreline fishing, water trail, and nature study are included or planned for at the following locations:

- Point Edith Wetlands
- Bay Point Regional Shoreline
- Antioch/Oakley Regional Shoreline
- Delta Access

## EBRPD CONTRA COSTA SHORELINE ALIGNMENT



(Dotted line denotes a proposed alignment of a Delta Trail segment; Red line denotes previously adopted Delta Trail segment; Green line denotes an existing trail proposed as a Delta Trail segment; Brown line is the Legal Delta boundary.)

In March 2016, outreach to the communities of Vallejo, Benicia, Crockett, Martinez, Bay Point, Pittsburg, Antioch, Oakley and Brentwood regarding Delta Trail designation was conducted. In response, the Commission received letters of support from the City of Benicia Parks and Community Services, San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail and the San Francisco Bay Trail. EBRPD and Antioch Parks and Recreation Commission provided resolutions of support. The City of Pittsburg, Planning Department assisted in correcting the conceptual Delta Trail alignment

thru Pittsburg and expressed the need for a collaborative process to determine the best possible alignment taking into account the City's General Plan, current facilities and waterfront economic development. The letters and resolutions are available upon request.